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An Act to Determine who Shall Retain Possession of Property

Be it Enacted by the National Council.

That hereafter all cases of family separation causing disputes as to who, either the man or woman, shall retain possession of children or property, shall be tried before the court of the Sac and Fox Nation and shall be settled at the discretion of said court

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark.
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation

Approved October 26th, 1889

An Act in Relation to Descent and Distribution.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That Article IV, Section 11, Page 16, of Sac and Fox Laws, be amended so as to read as follows: Any person dying in this nation, possessed of property of any kind, and leaving the estate to his wife or her husband and other rightful heirs, said property shall be inherited in the following manner: To husband or wife and child or children therein named and no other; or, in case such person dies leaving no husband, wife or children, said property shall be inherited by the next heir living

Read first, second and third time, and passed.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation

Approved October 26th, 1889

An Act in Relation to Destroying Trees.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That Article VIII, Section 25, Page 17, be amended to read as follows: Hereafter any person or persons who shall cut down or destroy any green walnut trees outside of his or her enclosure for the purpose of obtaining raccoons, squirrels, making rails or for other similar purposes, or shall peel off the bark from said trees, shall be fined as follows: For the first offense, five dollars; and upon conviction, said person or persons shall be fined for the second offense not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars, at the discretion of the court. *Provided*, That this Act shall not be construed so as to conflict with Section 25, Article VIII.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark.
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved October 26th, 1889.

An Act for the Punishment of Theft.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That Article II, Section 7, Page 12, of the Sac and Fox Laws, be amended to read as follows: That hereafter any person convicted of stealing garden produce shall be fined five dollars ($5.00), or more, and also pay to the injured party the full value of the produce stolen, the value thereof to be ascertained by the sheriff who reports the same to the court, before which the accused is tried.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved October 26th, 1889.

An Act Relating to Marriage.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That hereafter it shall be unlawful for any of the citizens of the Sac and Fox Nation to marry any other way than as provided by the laws of said nation. They shall be required by law to purchase "license" from the national clerk of said nation, the price being one dollar ($1.00), and shall be united in marriage by the judge of the said Sac and Fox Nation, or by some minister of the gospel. Any person found guilty of violating the above Act shall be imprisoned in the national jail for a term of not less than thirty days, and pay a fine of thirty dollars ($30.00).

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved October 26th, 1889.

An Act for the Punishment of Criminal Offenses.

[Chaper 2, Article I, Section 1.]

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That in all cases of willful murder, the offender, upon trial and conviction by the authorized court of this nation, shall suffer death by hanging or shooting, and when the sentence of death shall have been passed, the court shall grant a respite of five days before such criminal shall be executed. *Provided,* That if any such offender plead guilty before the court trying the same, said offender shall be sentenced to solitary confinement, and hard labor in the prison that may at times be provided by this nation, for a term of not less than fifty years. Be it further enacted, That in all cases of manslaughter, the offender, upon trial and conviction by the authorized court of this nation, shall be imprisoned in the Sac and Fox national jail for a term of not less than five years, nor more than ten years, at the discretion of the court.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved October 26th, 1889.

An Act Relating to the Collection of Debts.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That Article IV, Section 5, be amended to read as follows: The debtor shall be allowed, if of Sac and Fox blood, a team and wagon, all the farming implements, four cows, four hogs and one hundred bushels of corn. If the said debtor has or owns beyond the said number of stock or amount of property, the court of the Sac and Fox Nation shall issue an order to the sheriff of said nation to levy upon the stock and property of said debtor to the amount of what the sheriff thinks sufficient, and sell at public auction according to the laws of the above said nation, to the highest bidder for cash and pay the same to the clerk of said nation, who shall pay it over to the party entitled to it.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved November 19th, 1889.

An Act in Relation to Salaries of Officers.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That (Article IV, Section 8), hereafter the salaries of the officers of the Sac and Fox Nation shall, until otherwise provided, be as stated in this act. The salary of the chief justice shall be four hundred dollars ($400.00) per year, and no more; and that of the associate judges shall be four dollars ($4.00) per day for each day actually employed in attending upon the duties of said office, and no more. The salary of the treasurer shall be four hundred dollars ($400.00) per year, and no more. The salary of the secretary shall be four hundred dollars ($400.00) per year, and no more. The prosecuting attorney's salary shall be three hundred dollars ($300.00) per year, and no more. The salary of the sheriff shall be three hundred dollars ($300.00) per year and no more. Provided, that the sums of eighty dollars ($80.00) for deputy sheriffs; one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) for lawful witnesses; one hundred dollars (100.00) for boarding prisoners; twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for fuel and forty dollars ($40.00) for other purposes be annually provided.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark.
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved November 19th, 1889.

NEW SECTION.

An Act for Trying Divorce Cases.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That divorce cases shall hereafter be tried before the supreme court of the Sac and Fox Nation. The plaintiff shall upon oath, file his or her complaint before the secretary of said nation, making a written statement of the cause of such action. The clerk thereof shall notify the defendant at least twenty days before the day appointed for the trial by said court. If the defendant does not appear before said court, the plaintiff shall be granted his or her divorce.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved November 21st, 1889.

An Act Relating to Separation Without Cause.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That if a husband leave his wife or a wife her husband, neither he or she, as the case may be, shall take any property away with him or her that belongs to the family. All the propty shall fall to the family. If the man leaves his wife without any cause or if the woman leaves her husband without any cause and if they have a separation on account of some trouble they shall be tried before the judge of the Sac and Fox nation and dealt with at the discretion of the court.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved November 21st, 1889.

An Act Relating to the Payment of Debt in Case of Separation.

Be it Enacted by the National Council:

That hereafter should any citizen of the Sac and Fox Nation separate from his wife, or the woman from her husband, he or she shall do so according to laws of the said Sac and Fox Nation, and should do the same before any annuity payment. *Furthermore,* If there should be any accounts arising from any contract or debt, it shall be settled in proportion, by both parties who have separated. *Provided,* That the said account or debt was made by said parties before separation.

MAH-KO-SAH-TOE, his X mark,
Principal Chief Sac and Fox Nation.

Approved November 22nd, 1889.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of laws and amendments adopted by the National Council. session of October, 1889.

WALTER BATTICE,
National Secretary, Sac and Fox Nation.